

To: Stalcup, Dana[Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov]
From: Rodrigues, Cecil
Sent: Thur 8/13/2015 12:01:29 PM
Subject: FW: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments
EPA OBLR 2015 Case Study Earth Conservancy copy d2.docx

Would this be included in our cessation? I would recommend that it does not.

Thanks. Cecil.

Cecil Rodrigues, Director

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From: Gaffney, Kristeen
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 7:58 AM
To: Rodrigues, Cecil
Cc: Driscoll, Stacie
Subject: RE: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

Hi Cecil, are Brownfield sites an issue? We do have grantees working cleaning up mining sites, for example Earth Conservancy. See attached DRAFT fact sheet.

Kristeen Gaffney

Chief, Brownfields and Land Revitalization Branch

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From: Rodrigues, Cecil

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 4:57 PM

To: R3 HSCD-MGRS

Cc: Ajl, Diane; Gray, Heather

Subject: RE: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

We need to provide information on any mining site that we are involved in. Including but not limited to NPL (any stage) , NPL like, Removal, Site Assessment, PA/SI, Cooperative Agreements. Please get me this information by tomorrow noon.

Thanks. Cecil.

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From: Rodrigues, Cecil

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 1:17 PM
To: R3 HSCD-MGRS
Cc: Ajl, Diane; Gray, Heather
Subject: FW: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

Please see below. If we have any actions that could fall under the criteria listed below please give me a call. Please do not widely circulate this email.

Thanks. Cecil.

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From: Early, William
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 1:06 PM
To: Rodrigues, Cecil; Melvin, Karen; Pomponio, John; Wilkie, walter; Capacasa, Jon; Lueckenhoff, Dominique; Beers, Samantha; Dressel, Paul; Armstead, John A.; Libertz, Catherine
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Please see attached message and follow up as appropriate

Thanks

Bill e

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Garvin, Shawn" <garvin.shawn@epa.gov>
Date: August 12, 2015 at 12:10:04 PM EDT
To: "Early, William" <Early.William@epa.gov>
Cc: "Lewis, Jacqueline" <Lewis.Jacqueline@epa.gov>, "Searfoss, Renee" <searfoss.renee@epa.gov>, "Ryan, Daniel" <Ryan.Daniel@epa.gov>
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Bill - Can you loop through with the appropriate Directors to ensure we are following this directive.

Thank you - Shawn

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Administrator/Ex. 6
Date: August 12, 2015 at 11:51:16 AM EDT
To: "Blumenfeld, Jared" <BLUMENFELD.JARED@EPA.GOV>, "Curry, Ron" <Curry.Ron@epa.gov>, "Enck, Judith" <Enck.Judith@epa.gov>, "Garvin, Shawn" <garvin.shawn@epa.gov>, "Hague, Mark" <Hague.Mark@epa.gov>, "Hedman, Susan" <hedman.susan@epa.gov>, "McGrath, Shaun" <McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov>, "McLerran, Dennis" <mclerran.dennis@epa.gov>, "McTeerToney, Heather" <McTeerToney.Heather@epa.gov>, "Spalding, Curt" <Spalding.Curt@epa.gov>
Cc: "Fritz, Matthew" <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov>, "Stanislaus, Mathy" <Stanislaus.Mathy@epa.gov>
Subject: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

Good morning everyone,

While we continue to investigate the root causes of last week's release of mining waste at the Gold King Mine in Colorado, we are instructing our Regions to immediately cease any field investigation work at mines including tailings facilities, unless there is imminent risk in a specific case. We are in the process of initiating an independent assessment by a sister federal agency or another external entity to examine the factors that led to last week's

incident. Based on the outcome from that assessment, we will determine what actions may be necessary to avoid similar incidents at other sites. While we stand down on existing field investigations and assessments at these mining sites, we also are instructing our Regions to identify existing sites with similarities to the Gold King Mine site and to identify any immediate threats and consider appropriate response actions.

If you have questions or wish to discuss a particular situation please reach out to Mathy.

Thank you.